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DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

IN THE MATTER OF:

Administrative Action

VALERIE MEINHOLD, RRT License No. 43ZA00253900

CONSENT ORDER

LICENSED TO PRACTICE RESPIRATORY CARE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care (Board) upon the review of information which alleged that Valerie Meinhold, a respiratory care district manager for Respiratory Health Services, aided and abetted and/or permitted the unlicensed practice of respiratory care by Ms. Helen McKinstrey at Morris Hills Center, Morristown, New Jersey, from July 2004 through January 31, 2005, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n) and N.J.A.C. 13:44F-9.2, thus providing grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h). Ms. Meinhold in her capacity as a direct supervisor of Ms. McKinstrey, should have known that Ms. McKinstrey's license expired on March 31,

2004, and she continued to supervise Ms. McKinstrey while her license remained expired.

The Board having considered the aforesaid information, and the parties being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity for further formal proceedings, Ms. Meinhold having waived any right to a hearing in this matter, and the Board finding that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health and that good cause exists for its entry;

IT IS ON THIS 3/57 DAY OF I NAW, 2005. ORDERED:

- 1. Valerie Meinhold is hereby **REPRIMANDED** for permitting or aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of respiratory care; and
- 2. Valerie Meinhold shall **CEASE AND DESIST** from permitting and/or aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of respiratory care; and
- 3. Valerie Meinhold is hereby assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$250.00, and shall be paid no later than thirty (30) days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment of the penalties shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to Dorcas O'Neal, Executive Director, New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care, P. O. Box 45031, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

4. Failure to remit any payment as required by this Consent Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt, and could result in additional proceedings including disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF RESPIBATORY CARE

Ву:

Kenneth Capek, President

I have read the above Order and I understand and agree to abide by its terms.

Valerie Meinhold, Respiratory Therapist